Section 11 Success of Community College Students

Community College Three-Year Award Rate

Students who enrolled at a full-time capacity (24 credit hours) and for the first-time during a given fiscal year are included in a cohort of students who are tracked through the MIS system to determine if they receive an Iowa Community College award within a three year period. The last three cohorts have ranged from 39.71% to 38.76% three-year award rates.*

Table 36

THREE-YEAR AWARD RATES OF FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME FISCAL YEAR ENROLLEES ENTERING CLASS OF 2000 TO 2004

| Cohort | | Year 3 | | |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--|
| Year | Students | Awards | % | |
| 2001 | 10,134 | 4,221 | 41.65% | |
| 2002 | 10,534 | 4,325 | 41.06 | |
| Н | igh School Studen | t Removed from Co | ohort* | |
| 2003 | 10,402 | 4,131 | 39.71 | |
| 2004 | 10,638 | 4,133 | 38.85 | |
| 2005 | 10,296 | 3,991 | 38.76 | |

Source: Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Community Colleges and Career and Technical Education.

Note: Starting with Fiscal Year 2003, refinements to the MIS reporting system allowed for removal of high school students from the cohort of first-time, full-time students.

Four-Year Graduation Rates of Transfer Students (by sector) to Report Universities for the Entering Class of 2002

The four-year graduation rates for transfer students to the Regent Universities are shown in Table 37. Iowa community college transfer students to the Regent Universities whom have earned an AA Degree have a much higher graduation rate than those who did not earn an AA Degree. Transfer students who obtained an AA (Associate of Arts) degree report a four-year graduation rate ranging from 67.0% at SUI to 72.7% at UNI.

Table 37

Percentage of Students Four-Year Graduation Rates of Transfer Students (by sector) to Regent Universities for the Entering Class of 2002

| | University of Iowa (SUI) | Iowa State University (ISU) | University of Northern Iowa (UNI) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Iowa 2-year Public AA Degree | 67.0 | 70.4 | 72.7 |
| Iowa 2-year Public, No AA Degree | 56.8 | 51.3 | 51.0 |
| All Iowa 2-year Public | 61.4 | 59.0 | 65.3 |
| Iowa Private 2-year | 28.6 | 50.0 | 54.2 |
| Iowa Private 4-year | 63.6 | 57.5 | 63.0 |
| Iowa Public 4-year | 69.0 | 69.9 | 69.5 |
| Colleges Outside Iowa | 63.1 | 57.9 | 67.2 |
| Total | 62.5 | 59.2 | 65.3 |

Source: Iowa Board of Regents, Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation Rates, February 2007.

One-Year Retention Rates of Transfer Students (by sector) to Regent Universities for the Entering Class of 2005

The one-year retention rates for Iowa community college transfer students at the Regents institutions are above 76%. Transfer students who obtained an AA (Associate of Arts) degree report a one-year retention rate ranging from 74.3% at SUI to 85.9% at UNI.

Table 38

One-Year Retention Rates of Transfer Students (by sector) to Regent Universities for the Entering Class of 2005

| | University of Iowa (SUI) | Iowa State University (ISU) | University of Northern Iowa (UNI) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Iowa 2-year Public AA Degree | 74.3 | 83.4 | 85.9 |
| Iowa 2-year Public, No AA Degree | 75.0 | 74.9 | 68.7 |
| All Iowa 2-year Public | 74.5 | 79.3 | 79.9 |
| Iowa Private 2-year | 66.7 | 20.0 | 91.7 |
| Iowa Private 4-year | 72.2 | 78.8 | 78.8 |
| Iowa Public 4-year | 79.7 | 81.2 | 81.4 |
| Colleges Outside Iowa | 80.8 | 78.1 | 79.3 |
| Total | 76.5 | 78.9 | 80.0 |

Source: Iowa Board of Regents, Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation Rates, February 2007.

Students Entering Iowa Community Colleges with the General Education **Development (GED) High School Award**

Per the Management Information System, of the Fiscal Year 2007 unduplicated credit enrollment of 125,990 students, 5,143 (4.08%) individuals identified a high school award type of GED. Full-time students totaled 33,842 and 1,640 (4.85%) of that total were individuals who had attained a GED prior to enrolling in Iowa Community Colleges. according to the Management Information Systems (MIS). A student is considered fulltime if he/she is enrolled in 24 or more credit hours per year. Indian Hills Community College utilizes quarters rather than semesters making their full-time students those with 16 or more credit hours per year.

Summary of Total State Postsecondary Enrollment Fall 1998 to Fall 2004

Table 39

SUMMARY OF TOTAL STATE ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS AT IOWA REGENT Universities, Private Colleges & Universities, Iowa Community COLLEGES, AND OTHER COLLEGES

| Term | Iowa Regents | Private Colleges & Universities | Iowa Community Colleges | Other Colleges* |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Fall 1998 | 67,619 | 48,334 | 61,480 | 5,096 |
| Fall 1999** | 68,509 | 48,141 | 63,793 | 5,229 |
| Fall 2000 | 68,930 | 48,337 | 65,836 | 5,803 |
| Fall 2001 | 70,661 | 49,362 | 68,581 | 5,783 |
| Fall 2002*** | 71,521 | 49,231 | 73,805 | 8,403 |
| Fall 2003**** | 70,566 | 50,595 | 78,292 | 14,783 |
| Fall 2004 | 68,949 | 51,485 | 81,803 | 17,394 |

previous year.

Source: Iowa College and University Enrollment Report (Fall 1998-2004), University of Iowa.

* lowa professional colleges, private junior colleges & business schools, nursing schools, radiological tech schools. Notes: **One business school did not report in Fall 1999.

The format of the Fall 2005 Iowa College and University Enrollment Report differs from past years, as the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-Secondary Education (ICCPSE) is attempting to move toward institutional categories more closely aligned with federal Department of Education reports. This effort is a work in progress, and as is illustrated in the footnotes, is not yet considered perfected, particularly as it relates to the category headed "Private for profit 4 year..., where some enrollment numbers may actually include students in programs with less that 4-year-approved courses of study."

^{***} Fall 2002 report was revised, therefore the number for Other Colleges changed from the previous year. **** Fall 2003 report was revised, therefore the number of Private Colleges & Universities changed from the

Summary of Total State Enrollment Fall 2005 to Fall 2007

Table 40

SUMMARY OF TOTAL STATE ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS AT IOWA REGENT UNIVERSITIES, PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES, IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND OTHER COLLEGES

| Term | Public 4-Year or Above | Private Non-Profit 4-Year or Above | Private For-Profit 4-Year or Above | Public 2-Year | Private Non-Profit 2-Year | Private For Profit 2-Year ++ |
|-----------|------------------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fall 2005 | 67,896 | 54,115 | 23,762 | 81,803 | 246 | 154 |
| Fall 2006 | 67,701 | 55,266 | 29,790 | 84,961 | 259 | 1,238 |
| Fall 2007 | 69,178 | 55,834 | 43,521 | 87,072 | 258 | 1,235 |

Source: Iowa College and University Enrollment Report (Fall 2005-2007), University of Iowa.

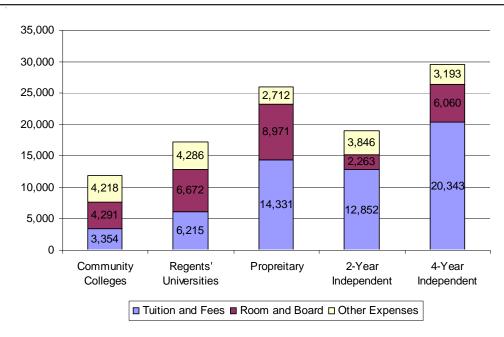
As indicated by the above data, Iowa's community colleges are the largest provider of undergraduate education in the state. Iowa community college total fall enrollment is greater than the total fall enrollments of the public and private 4-year colleges and universities.

College Expenses for Resident Students by Source

As Figure 8 illustrates, community college students incur less expenses than Iowa residents attending Iowa post-secondary institutions in any other sector during Fiscal Year 2007. The total expenses for a community college resident are \$11,863, with the total expenses for an average Iowa Regents resident being \$17,173. (See Figure 9)

Figure 9





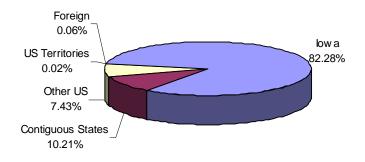
Source: Iowa Colleges Student Aid Commission.

Geographic Location of Alumni

Iowa's Community Colleges are known for their alumni remaining in the state of Iowa. 82.10% of Community College alumni continue to reside in Iowa; this compares with a 40.30% rate for Iowa's Regents' Universities. This represents a drop from 83.10% reported in 2004. These numbers represent all known living alumni.

Figure 10

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI FISCAL YEAR 2005



Source: Iowa Colleges Student Aid Commission.